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1. Japanese patent publication no. 2000-024454. An English language translation of this document is enclosed.
2. Japanese patent publication no. 01-115432. An English language Abstract of this document is enclosed.
3. Japanese patent publication no. 60-172334. An English language Abstract of this document is enclosed.
4. Japanese patent publication no. 08-010552. An English language Abstract of this document is enclosed.
5. Japanese patent publication no. 10-047598. An English language translation of this document is enclosed.
6. Japanese patent publication no. 2000-317302. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 1-2 and 19 of the specification of the present application.
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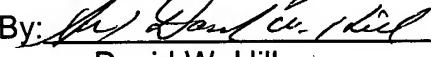
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